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Rep. Behnke: Curriculum Transparency Bill

MADISON - State Representative Elijah Behnke (R-Oconto) issued the following statement regarding his curriculum transparency bill:

"This week Senator Stroebel and I sent out a curriculum transparency bill for co-sponsorship. This bill would allow parents to see what their children are being taught before it is taught in schools. This transparency provides parents with the information they need to engage in productive conversations surrounding the curriculum in their children's schools."

"Our classrooms have become the frontlines of a culture war and parents should have a control over how their kids grow up. We need to be proactive, not defensive, when it comes to deciding how our children are taught. There is a difference between learning about controversial topics and indoctrinating our children."

"This bill also gives taxpayers in the community the transparency needed to lead to local policy debate. It is important to remember that our school boards work for the taxpayers in the community and the superintendent works for the school board. We must not forget that it is our responsibility as taxpayers to hold them accountable and that is what this bill will do."

"This bill is a step in the right direction to fix some gaps between our school districts and communities."

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The 89th Assembly District includes portions of Brown, Marinette, and Oconto counties.